

## BOOK NOTICES/BOOKS RECEIVED

WILLIAM W. DUNMIRE. 2004. **Gardens of New Spain How Mediterranean Plants and Foods Changed America.** (ISBN 0-292-70564-6, pbk.). The University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819, U.S.A. (Orders: 800-252-3206, fax 800-687-6046, www.utexas.edu/utpress). \$24.95, 392 pp., 6" x 9".

*Publisher Comments:* "Gardens of New Spain tells the fascinating story of the diffusion of plants, gardens, agriculture, and cuisine from late medieval Spain to the colonial frontier of Hispanic America. Beginning in the Old World, William Dunmire describes how Spain came to adopt plants and their foods from the Fertile Crescent, Asia, and Africa. Crossing the Atlantic, he first examines the agricultural scene of Pre-Columbian Mexico and the Southwest. Then he traces the spread of plants and foods introduced from the Mediterranean to Spain's settlements in Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and California. In lively prose, Dunmire tells stories of the settlers, missionaries, and natives who blended their growing and eating practices into regional plantways and cuisines that live on today in every corner of America."

Table of Contents: **1)** Pre-Columbian Spain—the Full Hourglass; **2)** Mexico Before Columbus; **3)** Pre-Columbian Agriculture in the American Southwest; **4)** European Plantways to the New World: 1492-1521. **5)** Old World Agriculture Comes to the Mexican Mainland. **6)** Spanish Trade, Technology, and Livestock; **7)** New Mexico's First Mediterranean Gardens; **8)** Into Sonora and Arizona; **9)** The Corridor into Texas. **10)** Hispanic Farmers Return to New Mexico; **11)** Mediterranean Connections to Florida and California; Epilogue; Appendix: Master Plant List, Glossary; Sources; Selected Bibliography; and Index.

BETTY FUSSELL. 1992. **The Story of Corn.** (ISBN 0-8263-3592-6, pbk.)  
University of New Mexico Press, MSC01 1200, University of New Mexico,  
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001, U.S.A. (Orders: 1-800-249-7737,  
Fax: 505-277-9270, www.unmpress.com) \$24.95, 356 pp., b/w photos,  
8" x 9 1/4".

*Publisher Comments:* "Now in paperback for the first time, *The Story of Corn* is Betty Fussell's mesmerizing account of the extraordinary grain that built the New World. In a form as uniquely hybrid as its subject, it blends history and myth, science and art, anecdote and image, personal narrative and epic to tell the story of this amazing crop and the people who for centuries have planted, eaten, worshipped, processed, and profited from it."